

The King's Messenger

[Original.]

"Captain Piccard," said the king, "a treaty is in process of arrangement between us and the king of Prussia favoring a defensive and offensive alliance against the French. The final draft has been made, and the Prussian envoy has requested us to forward a copy of it to his sovereign for approval. King Louis of France knows that a treaty is being discussed and is anxious to defeat it, or if it is made to know its terms. The real king of France, Cardinal Richelieu, has placed men on every available route between here and the Prussian capital, and it is next to impossible to transmit a copy."

"You have been recommended to me not only for your daring, but for your ingenuity. Invent a plan for concealing a bit of paper which when compressed will be about the size of an almond. Go and bring me a solution as soon as you have made it."

"I have often thought of such a necessity and have invented such a plan, but several weeks are required for preparation."

"We can wait that long provided the plan will surely succeed."

Three weeks from that day spies of Cardinal Richelieu located near the boundary line between Holland and Germany were notified that the messenger had left Zwolle the day before, though they were not furnished with a description of him. There were few travelers in those days, and the only person the spies encountered was a friar, who said he was starting on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

"Good father," said one of the gang, "say a paternoster for us."

The friar made excuses which did not satisfy those who had stopped him, whereupon, concluding that he was a sham mendicant, who didn't know a prayer, they searched him. Not finding anything on his clothing, they stripped him and made an examination that would have discovered an object no larger than a pea. But they found nothing and permitted him to proceed.

Crossing the Ems, he went on, begging by the way, till he reached the outskirts of Quakenbush, where he was met by a man, who said to him, "Holy father, I have an order from his eminence Cardinal Richelieu to invite you to his palace in Paris."

"Lead on," replied the friar. "I am honored in an invitation coming from so great a churchman."

The man turned his back for a moment, and the friar brought his staff down on his head. He sank on the ground with a broken skull. "You think it heavy?" said the friar. "So it is. It is filled with lead." Then the ungrateful and unmerciful friar proceeded on his way.

The next of the cardinal's interceptors had not been so well informed as to the guise of the messenger of the king of the Netherlands. He was stationed at a ferry across the Weser river and did not suspect the friar.

"Ferry you across, holy man?" he said. "That I will."

There was now but one route available for some distance, and the cardinal had directed that every traveler passing that way be searched. A number of times the friar was stripped and carefully examined. One party even broke to pieces the rosary that hung about his waist. For this the father called down upon the man who committed the sacrilege the anathemas of the church. They were a superstitious people in those days, and the fellow, convinced that the pilgrim was what he pretended to be, begged on his knees. The friar told him that he had often been told on his pilgrimage and would not remove the curse unless he were furnished with an order that he be permitted to travel without further interference. This was given him. He withdrew his anathemas and gave the party his blessing.

The friar went on, begging by the way, giving his blessing to those who gave him sustenance and shelter, till he came to the Elbe. On the banks of this river the passages were all guarded by the cardinal's secret emissaries, who, had they been known to the Prussian government, would have been hanged and quartered. This was the last time it had been thought advisable to guard. The friar had crossed the river and was tramping through a wood when men sprang from behind trees and downed him. As soon as he could make himself heard he told them of his pass and produced it. They were much astonished, for they had been advised that the messenger was traveling in the guise of a mendicant. However, they knew the man who had given him a free passage and let him go. This was the last time he was stopped.

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Have you neglected your kidneys? Have you overworked your nervous system and caused trouble with your kidneys and bladder? Have you pains in your back, groin and head? Have you a flabby appearance of the face, especially under the eyes? Too frequent a desire to pass urine? If so, Williams' Kidney Pills will cure you. At Druggists. Price 50c. Williams' Mfg. Co., Prop., Cleveland, O. Sold by C. H. Kendrick & Co., Barre, Vt.



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AMUSEMENT NOTES

"The Wolf" Friday and "Mrs. Wiggs" Next Monday.

Eugene Walter's great play, "The Wolf" which had so long a run at the Lyric theatre, New York last season, will be offered here next Friday evening.

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BULGARIA WILL NOT YIELD

Will Retain Grasp on Turkish Railway

REPLY TO THE PROTEST

Of Austria and Germany.—The Company, However, Is to Be Paid—It Is Declared That Its Right Will Be Upheld.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Oct. 1.—The cabinet held a meeting Tuesday to consider the formal protest made by Germany and Austria against the continued occupation by Bulgaria of the eastern Roumanian section of the Oriental railway at the conclusion of which it was announced that the government did not intend to abandon the working of the railway, but would endeavor to find a basis to satisfy the company, which on several occasions had expressed its readiness to sell the line.

Bulgaria took possession of this line last summer on account of a strike and operated the trains by the aid of the troops. Prior to the meeting of the minister, the government in reply to the representations of Germany and Austria advanced the argument that public sentiment was so strongly in favor of the retention of the line that its restoration to Turkey was impossible, but that the company's interests would be safeguarded. A dispatch from London on Sept. 28 stated that the British government had informed Bulgaria that it considered the continued occupation of the railway unjustifiable.

HONOLULU DOCTORS REPORT LEPRO CURE

Disease Checked by the Nasal Treatment, They Say.

Honolulu, Oct. 1.—Dr. W. P. Brinckerhoff and J. T. Wayson have notified the board of health of this city that they believe that they have succeeded in curing a leper patient by using the Nasal treatment for the disease.

LESS CHOLERA IN RUSSIA.

St. Petersburg Cases Are Steadily Decreasing.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 1.—For the twenty-four hours ending at noon yesterday, 223 new cases and ninety-three deaths from cholera have been reported by the municipal hospitals. A case of cholera has been reported at the political prison at Moscow.

PLAGUE AFTER FLOOD.

India Fears Pestilence from Unburied Victims.

Bombay, Oct. 1.—At Dewhrol over 1,000 persons perished in the floods caused by the recent extraordinary rains. It is feared that the unburied bodies of the victims will cause a pestilence.

A JERSEY TEA PARTY.

One That Occurred in 1774 Celebrated Yesterday.

Greenwich, N. J., Oct. 1.—Thousands of residents of Bridgeton arrived at this place yesterday on special trains to attend their meeting of the monument to commemorate the burning of tea at Cohasset creek on Nov. 2, 1774. The event commemorated was the second of the kind held in this country, the first "American tea party" being the famous Boston one, when the colonists, disguised as Indians, threw the cargoes overboard as a protest against the tea tax imposed by England without representation.

SHERIFF CHAINS ENGINE.

Oklahoma Official Makes Strenuous Effort to Collect Taxes.

Altus, Okla., Oct. 1.—Sheriff Hensley of Jackson county yesterday attached a St. Louis and San Francisco freight engine, chaining it to the track here, in an attempt to force the payment of \$2,280 in taxes, said to be due the county from the railroad.

The train crew were forced to abandon their train, and both the railroad and the county are threatening suits.

HERE CAMELS BEGAN.

Wyoming Skeleton, Ancestor of the Old World Beast.

Amherst, Mass., Oct. 1.—Prof. Fredrick B. Loomis has returned from the West with skeletons of a species of camel discovered in the sandstone near Lusk, Wyo. His find is said to establish that the entire camel family originated in North America.

The skeletons are those of camels about the size of the goat to-day and probably without the hump.

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THE NEW YORK CAMPAIGN.

Will Be Managed by Republican State Committee—To Employ Able Men.

New York, Sept. 30.—Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock yesterday turned his attention to the New York state situation, holding a long conference with State Chairman Timothy L. Woodruff and Herbert Parsons, the New York county chairman. It is understood that the responsibility for the New York campaign will be assumed by the state committee, the national committee agreeing to arrange for the participation of speakers of prominence at meetings under the state committee's auspices. It being agreed that the list from which the orators for the New York contest shall be supplied will include the names of the ablest men in the party throughout the nation.

Full co-operation in the financing of the state campaign was agreed upon by the representatives of the two committees.

18c. A HEAD FOR CONVERSIONS.

That Is What Christian Commercial Travellers Will Pay.

Chicago, Oct. 1.—Eighteen cents a head is the price that the Christian Commercial Travellers' association, known as the Gideons, is willing to pay for conversions under their new plan of placing a Bible in every room of every hotel in the country.

"If any man steals one of our Bibles from a hotel room, so much the better," said National Secretary F. A. Garlick.

The Bibles will cost us 18 cents a piece. If any fellow wants to take one away with him he most likely wants to read it. Any time we can save souls for 18 cents each we will keep all the presses we can find busy.

\$10,000 REWARD FOR MURDERER.

Offered By Millionaire Dexter For Conviction of Man Who Killed His Son.

New York, Oct. 1.—Firm in his belief that evidence exists which if brought to light would bring about the arrest and conviction of his son's murderer, Henry Dexter, multi-millionaire and newspaperman, has made public an announcement that he would pay a reward of \$10,000 for such evidence. Mr. Dexter's son, Orlando Perry Dexter, was shot from ambush on the Dexter estate in the Adirondacks in September 1903.

With an Emphy Box.

[Mr. Clarke Saunders, secretary of the London Confectioner's union, claims that a high-class sweet is being recognized as an admirable pick-me-up.]

"Sweets to the sweet," I had thought how the musical phrase would trippingly come from my lips as I gazed in your eyes. And, being a privileged student, well I pictured your eloquent look of delight and surprise. As you gazed on the well-ordered rows of the dainties within. And your delicate fingers that, poised as a butterfly, sought The most exquisite treasure of all upon which to begin.

And I smiled at the thought. I smiled, and in dreamy abstraction, I lifted the lid. And, lo! as I looked there occurred in a flash to my mind That I read in my paper—at least I feel sure I did—

That sweets were a food for the brain of a wonderful kind.

I cannot be perfectly positive how it was done.

But the mind being weary the body lacks strength to resist, And I smothered the voice of my conscience by pleading that one Would not surely be missed.

The dream of delight was as wine to the heart of my muse, Sweet fancies thronged fast in my brain—need I tell you the rest? But the poem—which yet it unwritten—I know will excuse A fault which at least has been frankly and freely confessed.

Nay! frown if you will: you may coldly allude to my "nerve." But at least I have saved you, O Phyllis, the rudest of shocks, And I trust that the casket I rifled may possibly serve

As a handkerchief box.

—London Daily Mail.

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Loosens the Phlegm Alleviates the Irritation Arrests the Tickling Soothes and Heals

Pike's Toothache Drops Cure in One Minute

POWERS AFTER THE SHAH

Russia and Britain Ask Clearer Reply

NOT SATISFIED WITH REPLY

His Troops Are Reported to Have Been Defeated at Tabriz—The Nationalists Continue to Defy His Authority.

London, Oct. 1.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times says that Russia and Great Britain have demanded a clearer reply from the shah to their representations on the subject of the elections.

A recent despatch to the Times from Teheran said that the shah's reply to the Anglo-Russian note practically amounted to a refusal to review the constitution until Azerbaijan province was subdued. A more recent despatch from Teheran, however, stated that the shah had issued a manifesto ordering new elections, and calling for the convening of the assembly and Senate Nov. 14.

THE SHAH DEFEATED AT TABRIZ.

Despatch to German Paper Reports Victory For Rebels.

Berlin, Oct. 1.—A special despatch from Teheran to the Lokai Anzeiger says that the imperial troops have suffered defeat at Tabriz, and as a consequence and on the advice of the members of his cabinet the shah decreed that Parliament be opened on Oct. 30. This is an earlier date than had been anticipated, but the shah hopes by this means to secure tranquility.

Tabriz, Oct. 1.—The forces of the shah sent to subdue Tabriz have not succeeded in their object and the city continues to defy the ruler. The nationalists refuse to lay down their arms until they receive a guarantee from all foreign legations at Teheran that Parliament will be reopened on the European basis of representation.

OVERDOING THE SUPERLATIVE.

Our National Habit of Exaggeration—A Plea For The Comparative Degree.

Professor Thomas R. Lounsbury of Yale, who has as one of his chief delights in life the shocking of the grammarians, writes in a recent issue of Harper's Magazine in defense of the use of the superlative degree in comparing two objects. In this attitude Professor Lounsbury will have the hearty concurrence of at least two classes—school girls of the caramel age and political stump speakers whose ambition is to fire the heart of the people. Neither of these have any comprehension of any other degree of speech but the superlative degree. The positive is too tame, the comparative is an unknown country; the superlative, and the superlative only, fits their excited and exalted moods. Professor Lounsbury alleges that the habit of using the superlative when two objects are compared is one which the best writers are unanimous in following; and though he cites only a few instances, we are willing to admit he is correct. He allows that such writers employ both degrees in such cases; but he asserts that where with them the comparative is found once, the superlative is found at least twice. Of course, the fact is one of mathematics, and probably no grammarian or critic of the grammarians has ever wasted his time in taking a census of the positive, comparative, and superlative as used by the best writers. Whether Professor Lounsbury is or is not accurate in his presentation of this matter as respects the best writers, we are quite certain that people who rank below them, or have no rank at all as writers, use the superlative with altogether too much freedom and abandon. Everything compared or not, is superlative. The best and the greatest, the noblest, the dearest, the dearest, the worst, are sure to be the adjectives every time. Whatever the issue on the orator's mind, it is most important before the country, without reference to the fact that another issue was the most important last night and still another will be the most important tomorrow night. And at the other extreme your effusively enthusiastic miss has always just had the "dandiest" time, or has recently escaped from the horrid people; while all the way between all sorts and conditions of men and women scatter superlatives about things of importance and things of no importance with lavish and indiscriminating lips. Whatever Professor Lounsbury may have learned from the best writers, the comparative degree is a device of the dandy that ought to have more consideration in a land which has yielded itself to the habit of exaggeration.—Ned Bedford Standard.

These results have come through the increased efficiency of fire patrol and methods of fighting fire and through the co-operation of settlers and users of forests who understand that the forests are their property and that a loss from fire is a personal one. By posting fire notices and giving advice the government has secured co-operation from the outside, which may be said to be as important an agency in reducing the loss from forest fires as the perfection of machinery for fighting these fires.

After timber is out, the regulations require brush to be compactly piled at a safe distance from living trees. Sometimes this brush is burned under direction of a forest officer; but even if it

BIGAMIST WILL GO.

Hong Kong Millionaire to Take Wives Back Again.

San Francisco, Oct. 1.—Henry T. Bosman, the Hong Kong millionaire and a legislative member of the British colony there, and who landed here several days ago with two wives and was ordered deported by the department of commerce and labor, will return to China as soon as he convalesces from his present illness. He has practically decided to abandon an appeal to the department, as his attorneys, it is said, have advised him that his appeal would be useless.

How Many Trusts Hit?

Chicago, Oct. 1.—Joseph Daniels, chairman of the Democratic press committee, yesterday made public a letter written to Attorney General Bonaparte at the instance of the Democratic national committee, asking the attorney general how many of the 278 so-called trusts of the country have been proceeded against in the courts by the federal government, and how many more cases he expects to file.

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Loss of hair is caused by the scalp drying up, or losing its supply of moisture or nutriment; when baldness occurs the scalp has simply lost all its nourishment, leaving nothing for the hair to feed upon (a plant) or even a tree would die under similar conditions.)

The natural thing to do in either case, is to feed and replenish the soil or scalp as the case may be, and your crop will grow and multiply as nature intended it should.

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A FIRE PATROL.

What It Would Do Toward Saving Lumber in United States.

Nothing could better call the attention of thinking people to the necessity for the preservation of our natural resources than the great forest fires which have been so widely distributed throughout the country. We have played such havoc this summer. It is doubtful if the losses for the year 1908 will ever be fully known, but a conservative estimate by Dr. W. J. McGee, erosion expert, United States department of agriculture, places the aggregate loss in all parts of the country during the months of conflagration at \$1,000,000 a day.

In nearly every instance, probably in every instance, these devastating fires might have been prevented if the various states had provided an adequate number of men to patrol the woods and arrest all such fires in their incipency, and if lumbermen and other users of the forest would carefully dispose of brush after logging so as to prevent the spread of fires.

Uncle Sam has had a lot of work to do on his national forest in the fire-fighting line this year, but his work has shown good results. Exclusive of the salaries of forest officers, the work of putting down fires on the national forests for the year cost the government \$30,000. This means protecting approximately 168,000,000 acres. The value of the timber destroyed will not be known until the fire reports are made at the end of the year, though it is estimated that it will be larger than last year. But it will be insignificant when compared with the appalling losses outside of the national forests on unprotected areas, or with the destruction which would have come to the timber in the national forests had they not been protected.

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